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Calendar of Events— January, 2005

January 3 — Noon

Police & Safety

January 5 — 2:00 p.m.

Board of Public Works

January 6 — 6:45 p.m.

Public Hearing

January 6 — 7:00 p.m.

Planning & Zoning

January 11 — 7:00 p.m.

Trustees Meeting

Note: All meetings /events are held in the Tree-house Condo Club Room unless noted otherwise

As of publication, these are the only meetings scheduled.

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A New Happy Year!

By: Arno Wehr II

In a recent conversation, a local resident told me in all sincerity that she just couldn't figure out where all of the nice people were on Indian Point. HUH? I felt very defensive and it took a little while to even answer a comment like this.

Who are we as a community? We have one of the top neuro psychologists in the region as a resident. Our locals include a US Congressman, the executive director of a national pilots association, two active special education teachers, a music teacher, and scores of church elders, choir members, leaders, and volunteers. Our residents also include enough accomplished musicians to start our own band. Over the years our community has produced the highest honored students academically in our local school. One of our residents walked the entire Appalachian Trail. Numerous of our retired residents rank with Who's Who in the military, US businesses, and we have had two 33rd degree Masons and college board members. We are the home of hard working moms and dads, some who still have time to become the best paramedic in the area as well as one of the best firefighters in the area. We have two, at least, past sheriffs and several former policemen including one state trooper who lives on our peninsula. We are the home of a poet, several writers, and one book was written about our pal Shad.

Well you can see the point, Our Indian Points, as we are composite of any good community. Sometimes because we are not socially dependent on each other we don't mix in as well as other community people do. We don't have local services, churches, or year-round coffee shops to

meet in. Perhaps we should focus more on our sparse events like potlucks, little sales, and special gatherings that we occasionally have here.

No one can argue with a persons view of our community since we all help create that view. Sometimes a little smoke obscures the mountains. So let's conclude this commentary by talking about Meryl Newton who passed away several years back. Meryl was a rather small woman in stature who lived with her retired husband Grady here in our community. She attended the Notch church and when Grady died she decided that her life would need a new focus. Before Meryl passed away she logged in 2000 hours as a volunteer worker at Skaggs hospital! She was a nice person that lived on Indian Point. Perhaps my new friend can look a little harder into this nice community and start a happier new year!

2005 Election

In April, 2005, election will be held for two (2) Trustee positions. The qualifications to run for the position are:

1. Must be a resident of the Village of Indian Point for at least one year immediately preceding the election.
2. A Citizen of the United States
3. Must be 21 years of age or older.

If you are interested in running for the position of Trustee, please come by the office Monday through Thursday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. or on Fridays 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. to file. Filing dates are December 14, 2004 through January 18, 2005.

TRUSTEES DECEMBER MEETING

The Board of Trustees met on December 14, 2004 at 7:00 p.m. in the Treehouse Condo Clubroom to review and/or take action on the following:

- Minutes from the November meeting were approved as written.
- November financials were reviewed and filed for audit. It was noted there will be a Budget Planning Session 6:30 pm; Public Hearing for the 2005 Budget, 7:45pm; and Special Trustees Meeting, 8:00 pm to approve the 2005 Budget on December 21, 2004.
- The second draft Noise Ordinance was reviewed, changes made. Changed draft to be submitted to Legal Attorney for review prior to January meeting.
- Review of the sketch design for the Community Building was tabled until Operation and Maintenance costs were finalized and the source of funding for the building is obtained.
- Suggestion was made to consider placing seasonal banners on the poles along Indian Point Road instead of the US Flags. It was noted that all flags have been removed and destroyed through the American Legion.
- Discussion was held regarding
- Kent Turner was appointed by the Trustees to serve on the Branson Lakes Area Tourism Community Enhancement District.
- First Readings of Bill Number 84, Ordinance 04-07 and Bill Number 85, Ordinance 04-08 were read in entirety and roll call vote taken to approve first readings.
- Police & Safety Advisory Committee Brett Stump reported that a grant was received for handheld radio, bulletproof vest, and prisoner restraints. He also stressed that any calls to the Police Chief are to be processed through 911 and not to call the Chief at home. Motion was made to order grant equipment in January, 2005.
- Planning and Zoning Commission—Greg Maycock reported on two public hearings and noted that a decision has not been made on the rezoning in Table Rock Beach Subdivision. A Site Visit is planned for this application. It was also reported that two (2) sketch plans were approved at the meeting: 1) The Cliffs & Lantern Bay; 2) Bayside at Still Waters resort.
- Board of Public Works—Greg Maycock reported that work with the engineers for the SRF Loan for the Jakes Creek Trail project is progressing and the BPW is working on an enforcement of complaint and tax issues. Motion was made to adopt a resolution opposing the 1/8 percent

sales tax in Stone County and to encourage other municipalities to work with the Village of Indian Point to fight the proposal and to hire an attorney regarding the property tax law in order to opt out before the law is put into effect and to fight Stone County 1/8 percent sales tax issue.

Roads—Jim Daily reported on road conditions on Hilltop Lane and Long Lonesome Road. Hilltop Lane is a dirt road and will be covered with road base and Long Lonesome Road has been washed out on the shoulder and under the road and will be filled with fill. He also reported on discarding old appliances, metal, etc for Operation Wipe Out.

CAAD—Kent Turner reported on the fish habitat improvement project and the Wilderness Road Storytelling and Music Festival. Motions were made to endorse both projects.

Recycling—Betty Fier reported that \$544.15 has been collected and will be used for beautification of the Community Building.

Transportation Coalition—Jan Hoy-nacki reported on the proposed future road.

Second Readings of Bill Number 84, Ordinance 04-07 and Bill Number 85, Ordinance 04-08 were read in entirety and both ordinances were adopted.

Accounts payable were approved as presented.

Executive Session was held to discuss personnel matters.

- **Comments from the floor:** Kent Turner commented on the meeting with Tourism Tax Board and discussion was held regarding parking on leased property from U S Corps of Engineers. This will be placed on the January agenda for further discussion.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

Copies of the actual minutes of the meeting are in the Village office. If you would like a copy, the cost is \$1.00 per month and the proper forms are available in the office to receive a copy or download the minutes from the website at no charge!

Planning & Zoning Commission To Hold Public Hearing

The Village of Indian Point, Missouri Planning & Zoning Commission will hold a public hearing on Thursday, January 6, 2004 at 6:45 PM at the Treehouse Condominium community room. The purpose is to hear comments regarding an application from Northshore Development LLC for a Preliminary Plat known as Bayside at Still Waters Resort. The proposed preliminary plat is located in the

Heidler's Laz E Daz Subdivision, Lots 17-34 Block A, Lots 1-3, 6-7 Block D, and Lots 18-28 Block E.

All interested parties are invited to attend both hearings and make public comments.

A LOOK BACK AND FORWARD

By: Kent Turner—Community Activities and Development Committee Chair

It's time to reflect on our activities of the past year and plan what we'd like to accomplish in the coming year. In case you think our little Village hasn't been doing much, here's a partial list of 2004 activities....

The Board of Public Works developed and wrote an ordinance (the most innovative of its kind in the U.S.) to create decentralized, affordable systems to treat our wastewater and protect our drinking water and the lake. Several septic systems have already been upgraded and the first neighborhood plant to serve the Jakes Creek Trail area will be built in 2005. The state legislature and the federal EPA plan to use our approach as an example to help other areas. (10 to 12 people did this!)

Great progress has been made to team up with Silver Dollar City to initiate a sales tax (paid by our tourists) to fund and build better access to Indian Point by widening Indian Point Road and building one or more additional roads on and off of the Point. (One lady got this going!)

We now have an established and growing recycling project. (One lady spearheaded this!)

Our Community Building is being designed to serve the needs and requests of our residents. We are trying to finalize a grant to pay for most or all of the cost. (about 9 people are working on this using input from about 150 residents!)

We now have an annual lake shoreline and underwater cleanup and on-going cleanup along our Village

roadways. (Many people help, more are needed!)

We've developed legal easements and documents that will allow over 100 miles of trails to be built in this area, many on Indian Point, starting in 2005. (about a dozen people!)

This winter, over 1,500 Christmas trees will be recycled and sunk around Indian Point to improve the fishery for us and our customers. (One person got this going!)

The Village has just adopted its first professionally done annual budget. (Trustees plus 7 people!)

The reason I included the number of people it took to accomplish these things is to point out that great progress has been made with the help of just a few people. What if the Village had 60 civic minded, active people instead of 30? Could we get a beautification project up and running? Could we organize festivals, build some small parks, and have better access to the lake? Could we improve our quality of life and our economy and get to know our neighbors and have fun in the process? Could we increase our property values and make Indian Point the best place in the whole area to live and vacation?

You bet we can...with YOUR help—Please call Kathy this year and say "I want to Help!"



OPERATION WIPE OUT—PHASE ONE

Phase One of Operation Wipe Out has been planned to begin the first weekend in March—so make plans now to find the following items that you no longer use and want to discard—

- Refrigerators
- Stoves, Microwaves, Toasters
- Air Conditioners
- Washers
- Dryers
- Dish Washers
- Hot Water Tanks
- Copper
- Aluminum
- Metal of any kind

Watch for more details in the February *Smoke Signals* on what arrangements will be made to pick up the items



HELP WANTED

About 6 volunteers are needed to help load Christmas trees and weights onto a Missouri Conservation Department boat in January. These will be sunk around Indian Point to create fish habitat.

Please call Kent Turner at 338-8800 and leave your name and phone number. Volunteers will be called as weather permits.

Thanks!

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Chief's Notes

By: Carl McKinney
Police Chief

Recently I was invited to attend a meeting at the Lakes Area Child Advocacy Center. The meeting was designed to make local law enforcement official aware of the procedures for reporting alleged child abuse. In the Tri-Lakes area alone, the Lakes Area Child Advocacy Center assesses an average of 150-200 children per year; numbers that have nearly tripled in the last several years. Child sexual and physical abuse does happen around us every day.

Here are some things you need to know:

Some of the signs of abuse may be:

- Fear of being alone with a particular person
- Nightmares, fear of going to bed

- Sudden and consistent bedwetting
 - Changes in behavior at school or in relating to friends/siblings
 - Sudden action out of feelings, anger, afraid to go home, running away.
 - More sexual knowledge than is appropriate for their age
- These are not definite signs of abuse. The key is to just be aware*

Some alarming facts about abuse:

1. 85% of sexual perpetrators are people the child knows and trusts
2. 1 in 4 girls and 1 in 6 boys have been sexually abused by age 18
3. Children are usually not violently attacked during a sexual assault, they are coerced or threatened to keep the secret
4. The average age at onset of abuse is between 5-7 years of age.
5. 70% of mothers of abuse victims have themselves been the victims of some type of abuse.

**Remember: Believe your child upon disclosure of sexual abuse. DO NOT blame them for what happened!!*

Also, remember we are all mandated reporters. You have the responsibility to report any child abuse. If you suspect or need to report abuse, contact the Missouri State Child Abuse Hotline: 1-800-392-3738

I hope you find this information informative and helpful.

Your Chief of Police,
Carl McKinney

